

FISCAL NOTE
HB 583 - SB 871

March 27, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Children's Services to establish a pilot child protective system in Shelby County. The pilot system would require initial triage of child protective services reports to determine whether they require criminal investigation and potential prosecution or family assessment and provision of services. The system would be established through a grant with the appropriate community organization and require county matching funds. Also, the bill requires the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities to establish, by grant or otherwise, a pilot mental health court in Shelby County. The court will identify and provide treatment and services to persons who have a history of abuse of alcohol or other addictive drugs, including those who present in the context of child abuse or child neglect reports. The county will be required to provide matching funds for the court.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$6,397,700

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* - \$1,608,100

Estimate assumes:

- a grant of \$6,294,200 from the Department of Children's Services for the pilot child protective services system with a county match of \$1,573,600.
- family support services and more preventive services will be extended to a population of children in Shelby County that are at risk and are not currently being served.
- the grant for the pilot mental health court from the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities is estimated to be \$103,500 with a county match of \$34,500.
- grant funding will be received by Davidson County for a mental health court, which does not include the cost for the judge's salary.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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